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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to extracurricular and interscholastic program participation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.1180, to read as follows:

160.1180. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known as the "Extracurricular and Interscholastic Opportunities Anti-Discrimination Act".

- 2. Individual public or private virtual school students or other nonpublic students enrolled in a course of elementary or secondary education otherwise provided for and recognized under Missouri law shall not be discriminated against in regard to participation in any interscholastic or extracurricular program of athletics, clubs, or associations.
- 3. Organized nonpublic school teams shall not be discriminated against as long as the individual students are in compliance with Missouri compulsory education laws. Any individual student not in compliance with section 167.031 shall be disqualified from participation in any public school program provided for in this section. No disqualified student shall be used in the determining qualifications or prerequisites otherwise provided for in this section with regard to any other individual student or team of students.
- 4. Notwithstanding any other law, no public school or school district shall hold membership or affiliation with, directly or indirectly, any private or public organization which discriminates against any individual public or private virtual school students or any other nonpublic students or teams of such students in any interscholastic or

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extracurricular program of athletics, clubs, or associations, as long as such student or students reside within the same district or boundary lines from which any other student enrolled in such public school program is allowed to participate.

- 5. Any public or private organization or association which facilitates or coordinates interscholastic athletics, clubs, or associations among public funded schools shall not discriminate against public or private virtual school students or any other nonpublic students in any way, including but not limited to requiring enrollment or participation in any academic or nonacademic classes or programs other than those voluntarily selected by the student.
- 6. Any public or private virtual school student or any other nonpublic student, while participating in any intramural or interscholastic extracurricular athletic program, club, or public school association shall meet the same requirements or prerequisites required of students enrolled in the public school sponsoring such program or association. No requirement or prerequisite shall exceed any such standard applied to public school students. No regulation, registration, intrusion, or other inspection of academic work shall be required and no other impediment shall be imposed upon the integrity or autonomy of a private or home school.
- 7. No school-sponsored intramural or interscholastic athletics program, club, association, or other extracurricular activity shall discriminate by disallowing participation of any public or private virtual school student or any other nonpublic student residing in such school district, or any group or team of nonpublic school students, based on such students' private or home school enrollment.

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